

MARK AND RICHARD SUPPORT RESIDENTS IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE NARBETH DRIVE RADIO MAST

Cllrs **Mark Winn** and **Richard Gaster** are backing residents in their opposition to the proposed radio mast in Narbeth Drive.

Mark said, *"Residents are rightly concerned about this planning application for a proposed 5G radio mast directly opposite the entrance to the school. It will be totally out of keeping with the local area and we will support residents in their fight to get it stopped."*

If you wish to comment, this must be on a planning grounds rather than simply wanting/not wanting it. Your Aylesbury East team believe that such a large industrial type structure will have a **'detrimental effect on the character and appearance of the surrounding area'**.

Richard said, *"We have had several residents express their concern about possible health effects from this radio mast. We would certainly never diminish those concerns, it is just that to date they are unproven and legally the planning officers and/or Councillors on the Planning Committee cannot therefore base their decision on these concerns."*

This application went to the Planning Committee at Aylesbury Town council who have objected to it.

The ultimate decision on this application will be made by Buckinghamshire Council. Mark and Richard have called in the decision to ensure the Planning Committee examine the arguments for and against it in a public forum.

It is great to see how many residents initially put forward comments regarding this application. Mark and Richard are keen to advise those residents who objected what the next steps are either in person, if people wish to do so, or they can write to them both at

team@aylesburyeast.uk

Mark will also be putting info out on his Facebook page which you can find at www.facebook.com/cllrmarkwinnaylesburyeast



The proposed 5G mast site (near to the post box)



Right: A n existing 5G mast in Walton Court

STOCKLAKE UPDATE

Sometimes what seems like a simple issue can end up being one of the most complicated. Stocklake was once such example.

Residents had a problem with flooding. Initially it was thought this stemmed from the Bearbrook running behind houses. The Council cleared the vegetation in the stream and it was assumed this would resolve the flooding. However, after the cutback we discovered residents were suffering electrical issues and some reported water under their floorboards.

Buckinghamshire Transport Officers used video cameras via the drains to check the source, but no leaks were detected in the roads pipework.

Still the leaks got worse and this was when the team turned to Thames Water. It turned out the pipes were leaking under some residents homes. We are pleased that following sustained efforts from both Aylesbury East team and residents we were able to get Thames Water to come and repair these pipes just before Christmas. Fingers crossed that a long standing issue has been resolved.

CLEARING GULLIES

For the second year running Buckinghamshire Council are clearing 85,000 gullies across the county with over two thirds now successfully cleaned since last spring. This gully work, includes repairing those that require it, helping them to work efficiently, protecting property and minimizing damage to highways caused by runoff from roads.

Oakfield Road has been a problem area for quite some time, **Cllr Mark Winn** asked the Local Area Technician and his team to investigate using an infrared camera looking for blockages.

Mark said, *"This proved to not be as straightforward as first thought but it was clear the pipes were blocked. A gully clearance machine was used in early November for a number of days to clear the extensive blockages. I also asked that the lights on the crossing be tested as residents had pointed out that they are not very visible. Hopefully these improvements will increase visibility and safety on this well used crossing."*

ROAD SCHEMES ALONG BROUGHTON AVENUE

In response to concerns about the disruption caused to residents and safety hazards by inconsiderate parking Mark managed to secure funding through the Aylesbury Community Board for parking restrictions on a number of corners in the area. These include:

- corner of Barnsbury Avenue with Broughton Avenue
- Narbeth Drive on its corner with Barnsbury Avenue
- Henry Road on its corner with Broughton Avenue
- Parton road by the shops on its junction with Broughton Avenue
- Formal no stopping restrictions on school entrance in Broughton Avenue

Mark said, *"These restrictions were recently the subject of a consultation and, if approved, will hopefully improve safety and stop some of the nuisance parking. I know that enforcement will be key and we will be pushing for that too."*

Richard said, *"Congratulations to Mark for securing this funding which also included putting dropped pavements on the corner of Parton Road and really shows commitment to dealing with some long standing issues for the Broughton community."*



FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you to residents across the area over the last few months for their patience in dealing with the footpath repairs on Narbeth Road and Broughton Avenue. These repairs have been taking place over the last few months.



SUPPORT FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS



At the start of the year Buckinghamshire Council received £1.7 million as part of the Homeless Prevention Grant. This will target financial support to provide temporary accommodation, pay deposits for new homes for those at risk of homelessness and mediate with landlords to prevent evictions. This is on top of the £2.7 million of funding from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to help rough sleepers. That funding stream covers five schemes running until March 2025 to help initiatives such as housing first support, emergency beds and drug & alcohol outreach.

Cllr Mark Winn said: *"This is one of the areas I am responsible for on Buckinghamshire Council. One of our key priorities is virtually eliminating rough sleeping and tackling homelessness. We are working with a number of local partners on projects focused on rough sleeping."*

You can find out more at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/housing-and-benefits/housing/help-if-homeless-or-at-risk-of-homelessness/rough-sleepers/

Rob Butler MP recently joined Mark to visit Ardenham Lane House in Aylesbury which provides specialist support to help residents rebuild their lives and break the cycle of homelessness. Staff help residents with finding a long term home, looking for a job, education opportunities and help with additional issues.